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Importance of the role of parents in the care, development and well-being of their children

1. Replace the title with the following:

"Importance of the role of parents, legal guardians and other caregivers in the promotion and protection of the rights of the child and the care, development and well-being of children".

2. Replace the existing first preambular paragraph with the following text:

"*Reaffirming* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women".

3. Insert two new preambular paragraphs following the first preambular paragraph to read as follows:

"*Bearing in mind* the Convention on the Rights of the Child, emphasizing that the provisions of the Convention and other relevant human rights instruments must constitute the standard in the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, and reaffirming that the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration in all actions concerning children,

"*Recognizing* that the family is the basic unit of society and as such should be strengthened; that it is entitled to receive comprehensive protection and support; that the primary responsibility for the protection, upbringing and development of children rests with the family; that all institutions of society should respect children's rights and secure their well-being and render appropriate assistance to parents, families, legal guardians and other caregivers so that children can grow and develop in a safe and stable environment and in

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an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding, bearing in mind that in different cultural, social, and political systems various forms of the family exist".

4. Replace the existing operative paragraph 1 with the following text:

"1. *Reaffirming* that States shall respect the responsibilities, rights and duties of parents, and, where applicable, members of the extended family or community as provided for by local custom, legal guardians or other persons legally responsible for the child, to provide, in a manner consistent with the evolving capacities of the child, appropriate direction and guidance in the exercise by the child of his or her rights".

5. Insert a new operative paragraph following operative paragraph 1 to read as follows:

"*Reaffirms* the right of the child to education".

6. Replace the existing operative paragraph 4 with the following text:

"4. *Reaffirms* the right of the child to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, as well as the rights and duties of the parents and, when applicable, legal guardians to provide direction to the child in the exercise of his or her right in a manner consistent with the evolving capacities of the child".